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Proud students

Viktoria Stockman, right, of Postville poses with the president of Northeast Iowa Community College, Dr. Penelope Wills at the ESL Recognition ceremony held in Postville last week. Viktoria credits her neighbor Barbara Gericke for helping her learn English and said that after four years of taking English she feels confident enough to speak in public.

Students from six different countries honored during ESL Recognition Ceremony on May 26

Students from six different countries were honored during an ESL Recognition Ceremony on May 26 at the Postville Multicultural Center.

The students were welcomed by Penny Wills, President of Northeast Iowa Community College. Dr. Wills commended the students for their persistence in studying English which they need in their daily lives in this country. She also encouraged them to hang on their own heritage and she spoke about the value of diversity to individuals and communities.

Three students gave brief speeches representing the students from the Postville

class and from individual tutoring.

Roman from Ukraine who lives in Postville and works at Featherlite stated, "When I began coming to English class last October, I only knew about 50 words in English. Now I can speak sentences and communicate."

"I need to know English at work and when I have questions, I need to use English. My mail and my bills are in English too. I need to know more English. I want to say thank you to my teachers for helping me learn English."

Viktoria Stockman said that she knew no English when she came because she studied German as her sec-

ond language in Russia. She heard that her neighbor, Barb Gericke was tutoring another immigrant and she asked for Barb's help.

She said, "I realized that learning English was easy with Barbara's help. After four years of taking classes my English has improved so much that now I can correct my husband."

She went on to thank Barb Gericke and the other teachers for all their help in teaching proper English to immigrants.

At the Postville class four students have been studying for the GED in Spanish and Claudia Medina spoke for them and thanked the teach-

HAWC Partnership for Children Advisory to be held June 13

The HAWC Partnerships for Children Advisory will be held Monday, June 13 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Postville State Bank basement in Postville, Iowa. This will be an update on the legislation passed for our Empowerment Area. Some of the specifics address the needs for early care, health and education. The focus will be on parent education, child care, and school readiness.

This is an opportunity for parents, schools, service providers, and other interested people to provide valuable input into HAWC Partnerships for Children.

Please RSVP to 563-382-4447 or e-mail hawcgf@netins.net or hawcmb@netins.net by June 9, 2005.

Community First Aid and Safety Class to be held at YMCA

Be ready for your next emergency; get trained in CPR and First Aid! The American Red Cross (ARC), Tri-County Unit will be holding a Community First Aid and Safety class June 15th and 16th, from 5:30pm- 9:00pm, at the Postville YMCA. This class will give you 1 year certification in Adult, Infant, and Child CPR along with a 3 year certification in First Aid Basics.

Would you like to teach these lifesaving skills to your community? Become an instructor! The Red Cross will be holding a CPR/First Aid/AED Instructor Trainer course, June 25th and 26th, in Decorah. This course will certify you as an instructor in Adult, Child and Infant CPR, First Aid, and AED (automated external defibrillation).

Pre-Registration is required, please contact the ARC Tri-County office at 563-382-4309 or redcrosstricounty@yahoo.com for more information.

Allamakee County Historical Preservation Commission to have special meeting at Postville Public Library; Streed is guest speaker

The Allamakee County Historical Preservation Commission will be holding a special meeting Tuesday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at the Postville Public Library, located at 235 Tilden Street in Postville.

Guest speaker for the event will be Candi Streed, representative of the "Silos and Smokestacks Preservation Program", from Waterloo.

An invitation is extended to all members and supporters of the Allamakee County Historical Society and others interested in preserving Allamakee history. Those interested in car pooling to the meeting from Waukon are asked to call (563)568-3601.

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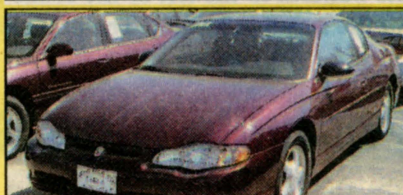
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Victoria Hoffman, formerly the Outreach Coordinator, was recognized for her work with the Hispanic students. She presented certificates to four Postville School students.

Otter Dreaming, one of the ESL teachers, provided the musical entertainment by playing the Irish harp.

The other two teachers for the ESL class are Sony Carver and Michelle Monreal.

Ten volunteers in the Postville area meet individually with students to study English.

The English classes at Postville are sponsored by NICC and Postville Community Schools.

Luther College provides college students who serve as

classroom assistants. In addition several community volunteers work individually with students in private homes or other locations.

The English program is coordinated by Janet Leifeld and Georgie Klevar of NICC.

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